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FOLLOWING REPEAT MADRID 0413 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USNATO,
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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DEFENSE AND USNMR SHAPE

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TAGS: MPOL, NATO, SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH ATTENDANCE AT NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE

REF: USNATO 00296 (DTG 111827Z JAN 78)

1. WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR AGUIRRE WAS
NOT ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MADRID IN REQUESTING
OBSERVER SPACES AT THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE. IT APPEARS
HE MAY NOT EVEN HAVE TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF HIS
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INTENTION TO DO SO. THE ONLY INITIATIVE RELATED TO THE
COLLEGE WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY
REMAINS THAT OF POSSIBLE OCCASIONAL INVITATIONS TO SPANISH
LECTURERS, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WOULD NOT BE PRECEDENT-
SETTING.

2. WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT GOS WOULD WISH JUST NOW

TO SEND STUDENTS TO THE COLLEGE, AS THE SINGLE NON-MEMBER
SO FAVORED, OUT OF CONCERN THAT THIS MIGHT GIVE RISE TO
CONTROVERSY HERE.

3. NONE OF THIS NEED ALTER THE APPROACH SUGGESTED IN
PARA 6 OF REFTEL. BUT THERE WOULD SEEM, FROM OUR VANTAGE
POINT, TO BE NO ADVANTAGE IN PRESSING THE ALLIES ON THE
MATTER OF SPANISH STUDENTS. STABLER
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